

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for the manufacture of a ruler for use in the accurate measuring of fabric for quilting, patchwork and other crafts, the process comprising: forming a ruler blank from a single layer of a substantially transparent material; printing, in one or more discrete stages, a pattern onto a surface of the blank, the pattern comprising a single color or multi-color pattern corresponding to scalar markings on the ruler; and printing a non-slip pattern in a single step with a composition including an ultraviolet-light dryable ink having an adhesive and a granular filler to impart non-slip properties onto the same surface of the ruler without impeding viewing of the item measured and the scalar markings through the ruler, the process including passing the ruler through a UV dryer at a temperature not to exceed 40°C and for a period of time within 30 seconds.

2. (Original) A process according to claim 1 wherein the printing composition further comprises a photo initiator.

3. (Original) A process according to claim 1 wherein the granular filler comprises glass beads, ground glass, pumice or ground plastics material.

4. (Original) A process according to claim 1 wherein the pattern printed onto the ruler to provide the scalar markings is printed using a screen printing process using an ultraviolet printing ink.

5.-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A ruler for use in the accurate measuring of fabric for quilting, patchwork and other crafts comprising:

a ruler blank formed from a single layer of substantially transparent material;

a pattern of scalar markings including at least one color printed onto a surface of the ruler; and

a non-slip, snag resistant pattern comprised of an ultra-violet-light dried ink, an adhesive, and a granular filler printed in a single step on the same surface of the ruler as the pattern of the scalar markings with said pattern applied in a manner to prevent impeding viewing of the measured item and the scalar markings.

9. (Previously Presented) The ruler of claim 8 wherein the layer of transparent ruler blank material includes a layer of clear acrylic.

10. (Previously Presented) The ruler of claim 8 wherein the pattern of scalar markings includes only one color.

11. (Previously Presented) The ruler of claim 8 wherein the pattern of scalar markings includes multiple colors.

12. (Previously Presented) The ruler of claim 8 wherein the granular filler includes at least one of glass beads, ground glass, pumice, and ground plastic.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of making a ruler in one or more discrete stages, comprising:

applying in a single step a slip-resistant composition comprised of ultraviolet light dryable ink, adhesive, and a granular filler;

~~applying the slip-resistant composition~~ onto a surface of a substantially transparent ruler blank having scalar markings applied before application of the slip-resistant composition with said slip-resistant composition applied in a pattern that does not impede viewing of the item measured and the scalar markings; and

passing the ruler through a UV dryer at a temperature not to exceed 40°C and for a period of time within 30 seconds.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein the composition is cured with ultraviolet light.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein the slip resistant composition comprises glass beads, ground glass, pumice, or ground plastic materials.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein the slip resistant composition is applied by silk screening.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, comprising forming the slip-resistant composition by combining an adhesive and a granular filler.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein forming the slip resistant composition comprises combining an adhesive, a granular filler, and an ultraviolet-light dryable ink.